



April 5, 2018

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky
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Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2018-000935), dated March 16, 2018, in which you requested the following:

“[A] copy of the ten (10) most recent annual reports of the ‘advocate for competition’ for GSA. Those reports are described here: https://www.acquisition.gov/far/html/Subpart%206_5.html and are required under 41 U.S.C. 1705 and 48 CFR 6502(b)(2).”

Please find the following nine (9) enclosed documents responsive to your request. As explained below, GSA competition advocate reports go back nine (9) fiscal years, FY 2009 through FY 2017.

- (1) FY2017 Savings and Public Policy Regional Breakdown
- (2) FY2016 Savings and Public Policy Regional Breakdown
- (3) FY2015 Savings and Public Policy Regional Breakdown
- (4) FY2014 Competition Advocates Report
- (5) FY2013 Competition Advocates Report
- (6) FY2012 Competition Advocates Report
- (7) FY2011 Competition Advocates Report
- (8) FY2010 Competition Advocates Report
- (9) FY2009 Competition Advocates Report

As stated in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) section 6.502, paragraph (b)(2), agencies shall “Prepare and submit an annual report to the agency senior procurement executive and the chief acquisition officer in accordance with agency procedures”. GSA’s agency procedures have changed over the years, as described below.

FAR Case 2007-007, published September, 17, 2008, established the current requirement in FAR 6.502 for the annual competition advocate report. Accordingly, GSA's competition advocate issued reports to the Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) and Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO) from FY 2009 to FY2014 (attachments 4 - 9).

Just prior to FY 2015, GSA's Office of Acquisition Policy implemented a "Savings and Public Policy" internal dashboard that calculated and displayed competition performance on a monthly basis based on publicly available data on the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). This internal dashboard replaced the previous competition advocate reports, last submitted in FY2014.

The new dashboard makes competition performance available agency-wide, including to the SPE and CAO. At the end of FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017, the internal dashboard displays a "Savings and Public Policy" breakdown table that showed each head of contracting activity their annual competition numbers. Images of the breakdown tables (attachments 1 – 3) serve as the competition advocate reports for those specific fiscal years.

This completes our action on this FOIA request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. David Frye, Program Analyst at 817-723-3704 or by email at david.frye@gsa.gov. You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Audrey Brooks at 202-205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

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